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To Whom It May Concern;

One of the comments that I made was a direct reference to <https://www.eia.gov/beta/states/states/sc/analysis>

"The largest end-use energy-consuming sector in South Carolina is the industrial sector, which accounts for about one-third of the state's energy use [10](#) " according to the EIA. So the cost burden should be moved from residents to industry .

An interesting fact also mentioned was "South Carolina generates more electricity than it consumes and sends its surplus power across the regional grid to other states.[29](#)

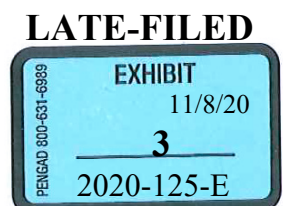
My comments, if you wish to use them, are included.

I am fortunate to be a senior citizen receiving social security. I am on a fixed income and any increase in necessities is a huge concern.

The Post and Courier stated recently that new unemployment claims in South Carolina skyrocketed by more than 400 percent last month.

The legacy of the collapse of SCE&G is still fresh, and it is a reminder that the collapse was with the public service commission's approval and misguided trust of the utility. The PSC failed to carefully protect the interest of the public when it trusted the managers to put public welfare over their self-interest. The bloated executive salary of 14,876,936-dollar total compensation that the former CEO of Dominion, Thomas Farrell received this year is an example of the same pattern. PSC should expect more out of Dominion than they did out of SCE&G. The executives should be skilled enough to find ways to reduce costs to public citizens through reducing the amount of energy people need by contacting people to provide energy saving measures so they don't have to raise costs on residential services. Any increase in rates should be offset by conservation measures that keep the total bill from increasing.

We can still serve the interest of the public if we put ratepayers first and investors second and not have our utility exist to make money without regard to its impact on the public. This is not the time to raise rates, but it is the time to keep costs down so that the cost burden is not on the residents.



Any investment that Dominion needs to make should be done only when it reduces the cost to consumers before benefits to executives and shareholders. Executives and shareholders increases should be held until ratepayers are able to pay their bills.

The largest end-use energy-consuming sector in South Carolina is the industrial sector, which accounts for about one-third of the state's energy use.¹⁰ according to the EIA. So the cost burden should be moved from residents to industry. The utility should provide South Carolinians with clean, reliable energy at the lowest price possible. Many South Carolinians struggling during this difficult time should not be saddled with additional cost. The Public Service Commission should recognize that this is not the time to raise utility rates.

Thank you,

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